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ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

NOTIFICATION

The 21st January, 2025

Ecf No. 581586/34.- In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Assam is hereby pleased to make the following rules further to amend the Assam Town and Country Planning Research Service Rules, 2016, hereinafter referred to as the principal Rules, in the manner hereinafter appearing, namely:-

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| Short title and commencement | 1. (1) These rules may be called the Assam Town and Country Planning Research Service (Amendment) Rules, 2025. |
| | (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. |
| Amendment of rule 3 | 2. In the principal Rules, for rule 3, the following shall be substituted, namely:- |
| | “3. (1) The service shall consist of the following Classes and Cadres :- |
| | (i) Group A (Class-I) :- |
| | (a) Senior Specialist Architect; |
| | (b) Senior Research Officer; |
| | (c) Specialist Architect; |
| | (d) Research Officer; |
| | (ii) Group B (Class-II):- |
| | (a) Assistant Research Officer; |
| | (b) GIS Expert. |
| | (2) This service shall also include - |
| | (a) any post equivalent to a post in any of the cadres mentioned in sub-rule (1) above; |

- (b) any cadre or post laid down by the Government to be included in a cadre or the Service.
- (3) The post of Senior Research Officer is deemed to be converted into the post of Senior Specialist Architect as and when the last existing eligible candidate for the post of Senior Research Officer retires from the service,
- (4) The post of Research Officer and Assistant Research Officer shall be abolished as and when the last existing eligible candidate for the respective posts of Assistant Research Officer and Research Officer retire from the service.”
- Amendment of rule 4 3. In the principal Rules, in rule 4, in sub-rule (1), in the fourth line, for the roman number “II” appearing after the word “Schedule”, the roman number “I” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of rule 5 4. In the principal Rules, for rule 5, the following shall be substituted namely:—
 “5. Recruitment to the service shall be made in the manner prescribed hereinafter:—
 (1) Recruitment to the cadres of Senior Research Officer, Senior Specialist Architect, Research Officer, Assistant Research Officer, and GIS Expert shall be made by promotion only in accordance with rule 7, 8 and 9.
 (2) Recruitment to the cadre of Specialist Architect shall be made through direct recruitment through the Commission in accordance with rule 6.”
- Amendment of rules 6 5. In the principal Rules, the existing rule 6 shall be re-numbered as rule 7 and thereafter the following new rules 6,6A,6B,6C and 6D shall be inserted, namely:—
 “Direct recruitment 6. (1) Direct recruitment shall be made on the basis of recommendations made by the Commission in accordance with the procedure hereinafter provided:—
 (a) Before the end of every calendar year (i.e. within the month of December) the Appointing Authority shall make assessment regarding the likely number of vacancies to be filled up by direct recruitment during the next year and shall intimate the same to the Commission together with details about reservation for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes or any other category as laid down by the Government as provided under rule 16 and about carry forward of such reservation.
 (b) The Appointing Authority shall simultaneously request the Commission to recommend a list of candidates for direct recruitment in order of preference.
 (c) The Commission shall prepare a list of all candidates who shall qualify in

order of merit in accordance with the final aggregate marks obtained by each of the candidates in the Test or Interview. If two or more candidates obtain equal marks, the Commission shall arrange them in order of their relevant merit which shall be determined in accordance with the general suitability of the candidates to the service.

- (d) The Commission shall furnish the list of candidates recommended by it to the Appointing Authority in order of preference, found suitable for direct recruitment showing the marks obtained in examination or written test and interview, as the case may be. The number of candidates in such a list shall be equal to the number of vacancies notified or communicated by the Appointing Authority.
 - (e) The Commission shall publish the final select list of the candidates in the Official Gazette and two widely published local newspapers and in the official website of the Appointing Authority.
- (2) The list mentioned in clause (d) and (e) of sub-rule (1) of these rules above shall remain valid for 12 calendar months from the date of recommendation by the Commission.
 - (3) In the event of the Commission being unable to recommend sufficient number of candidates to fill up all the vacancies in a calendar year, it shall, in consultation with the Appointing Authority repeat the procedure as mentioned herein before under sub-rule (1) of rule 6 for recommending a subsequent list in the year, provided that the Appointing Authority shall not make appointment of any candidate from the subsequent list until all the candidates of the earlier list of the same year eligible for appointment have been appointed or offered the appointment.

Age

- 6A. A candidate for direct recruitment to the service shall be within the age of 38 years on the first January of the year of advertisement, with relaxation in case of candidates belonging to special categories like Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and any other category as laid down by the Government in accordance with the orders of the Government in force for the time being.

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| Academic Qualification | 6B. | The academic qualifications and experience of a candidate for direct recruitment shall be as prescribed by the Government from time to time. The qualifications and experience as on the date of commencement of these rules shall be as given in Schedule-II. |
| Physical Fitness | 6C. | A candidate for direct recruitment shall be:— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) of sound health, both mentally and physically and free from organic defect of bodily infirmity likely to interfere with the efficient performance of his duties; and (2) required to submit medical fitness certificate from a certified medical practitioner registered under the Assam Medical Association before appointment to the service. |
| Character | 6D. | A candidate for direct recruitment shall produce to the Commission or Board certificates of good character from,— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Principal or Academic Officer of the University or College or such educational institution in which he or she studied last; and (b) two respectable persons, who are well acquainted with (but not related to) the candidate.” |
- Amendment of rule 7 6. In the principal Rules, the existing provision in rule 7 shall be deleted and for the newly renumbered rule 7, the following shall be substituted, namely:—
- “7. Vacancies in the cadre of Senior Research Officer, Research Officer, Senior Specialist Architect, Assistant Research Officer and GIS Expert shall be made in the manner provided hereinafter:—
- (1) Subject to suitability as may be decided by the Board and by the Appointing Authority a member of the cadre of Research Assistant and GIS Assistant from the Assam Town and Country Planning Subordinate Service shall be eligible for promotion to the cadre of Assistant Research Officer and GIS Expert respectively subject to following conditions:—
 - (a) he has the requisite qualification as provided in the Assam Town and Country Planning Subordinate Service Rules;
 - (b) he has rendered service as Research Assistant and GIS Assistant continuously for a minimum period of 5 years from the date of taking over charge of the post on the first day of the year in which selection is made;
 - (c) he has successfully undergone the training and passed departmental examination, as may be prescribed for the purpose;
 - (d) the promotions shall be on the basis of merit cum seniority only.

- (3) Subject to suitability as may be decided by the Board and by the Appointing Authority as set forth in rule 8, an officer shall be eligible for promotion from one cadre to the following cadre of the service:-

- (a) From Specialist Architect to Senior Specialist Architect;
- (b) From Research Officer to Senior Research Officer;
- (c) From Assistant Research Officer to Research Officer;
- (d) From Research Assistant to Assistant Research Officer;
- (e) From GIS Assistant to GIS Expert.

All promotion as stated under sub-rule (a), (b), (c) and (d) as stated above shall be on the basis of seniority cum merit only.

- (4) Subject to suitability as may be decided by the Board and by the Appointing Authority, as mentioned in rule 8 and also subject to possessing of qualification and experiences as prescribed hereinafter, an officer shall be eligible for promotion from one cadre to another of the Service as in the following:-

- (a) For the post of Senior Research Officer, an Officer shall be required to have served continuously in the cadre of Research Officer for 5(five) years on the 1st January of the year of promotion.
- (b) For the post of Research Officer, an Officer shall be required to have served continuously in the cadre of Assistant Research Officer for 5(five) years on the 1st January of the year of promotion.
- (c) For the post of Senior Specialist Architect, an Officer shall be required to have served regularly in the cadre of Specialist Architect for 5(five) years on the 1st January of the year of promotion.
- (d) For the post of GIS Expert an Officer shall be required to have served regularly in the cadre of GIS Assistant for 5(five) years on the 1st January of the year of promotion.

- (5) In case of specialization of a member of the service posted in connection with the specialized subject, he or she shall be retained in the same specialized work, on his or her promotion in the normal course by creation of higher post in the cadre to which he or she is so promoted, keeping the lower post in abeyance, if the Government considers that such an officer cannot be withdrawn from the specialized work due to non-availability of any other officer of the lower or equivalent cadre in the service to perform the specialized work:

Provided that the Governor may for good and sufficient reasons fill any of the posts for specialized investigation, designed, research work temporarily or on tenure by transfer or deputation from outside the service, if it is satisfied that no suitable officer in the service is available for filling up the vacancy.

Amendment of rule 9 7. In the principal Rules, in rule 9, in the first line, for the words, figure and punctuation mark “rules 6, 7 and 8” the words, figure and punctuation mark “rule 7 and 8” shall be substituted.

Amendment of Schedule-I 8. In the principal Rules,

(i) the existing Schedule-I shall be deleted and Schedule-II shall be re-numbered as Schedule-I;

(ii) for the re-numbered Schedule-II, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“ SCHEDULE-I

(see rule 4 and 18)

STRENGTH OF EACH OF THESE SERVICE AND THE PAY STRUCTURE:

Sl. No.	Categories of Post	Scale of Pay	No of Post			
		Pay band	Grade Pay	Permanent	Temporary	Total
1.	Senior Specialist Architect Grade-I	30,000 – 1,10,000	14500	1	NA	1
2.	Senior Research Officer Grade-I	30,000 – 1,10,000	14500	1	NA	1
3.	Specialist Architect Grade-I	30,000 – 1,10,000	13300	2	NA	2
4.	Research Officer Grade-I	30,000 – 1,10,000	13300	2	NA	2
5.	Assistant Research Officer Grade-II	30,000 – 1,10,000	11800	7	NA	7
6.	GIS Expert Grade-II	30,000 – 1,10,000	12700	2	NA	2 ”

Amendment of Schedule-II 9. In the principal Rules,

(i) Schedule-III shall be re-numbered as Schedule-II ;

(ii) for the re-numbered Schedule-II , the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“ SCHEDULE-III

(See rule 6B)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Sl. No.	Name of Cadre	Minimum Academic Qualification Required	
1.	Senior Specialist Architect	(i)	Bachelor of Architecture from an Institute affiliated to Council of Architecture; and
		(ii)	Master of Architecture in Urban Design/ Master of Urban Design/Master of Architecture in Landscape Architecture/ Master of Landscape Architecture; and
		(iii)	Shall have valid registration under the Council of Architecture.
2.	Specialist Architect	(i)	Bachelor of Architecture from an Institute affiliated to Council of Architecture; and
		(ii)	Master of Architecture in Urban Design/ Master of Urban Design/Master of Architecture in Landscape Architecture/ Master of Landscape Architecture; and
		(iii)	Shall have valid registration under the Council of Architecture.
3.	GIS Expert	(i)	Bachelor in Geomatics/Geo-informatics/GIS and Remote Sensing from any University/Institute recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC)/All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), or
		(ii)	Bachelor in Geography from any University recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) with minimum one-year diploma in GIS and Remote Sensing.
4.	Senior Research Officer	Bachelor Degree in Economics or Geography or Sociology or Statistics or Mathematics from any University/Institution recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC).	
5.	Research Officer	Bachelor Degree in Economics or Geography or Sociology or Statistics or Mathematics from any University/Institution recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC).	
6.	Assistant Research Officer	Bachelor Degree in Economics or Geography or Sociology or Statistics or Mathematics from any University/Institution recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC). ”	

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